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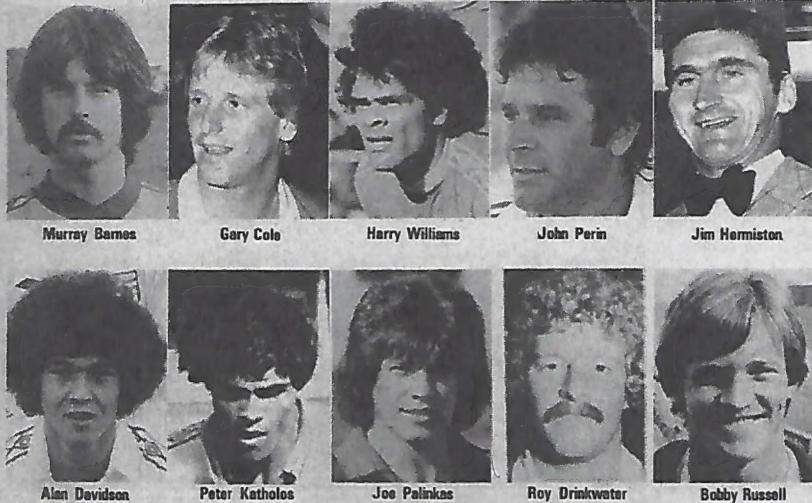
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NATION'S TOP PLAYERS JOIN US FOR YOUTH TITLES



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Bobby Russell

"Soccer Action" will bring you Australia's best Press coverage of the world youth championships over the next two weeks.

Our team of writers comprises some of the finest players in Australian soccer.

They are:

GARY COLE (Heidelberg-Alexander), Socceroo and all-time top scorer of the national league; **ALAN DAVIDSON** (South Melbourne Hellas), widely regarded as the best player of the national team over the past 18 months;

MURRAY BARNES (Sydney City Hakoah), captain of the Socceroos;

PETER KATHOLOS (Sydney Olympic), another Socceroo and the youngest team captain in the national league, who is set to try his luck in Europe;

JIM HERMISTON (Brisbane Lions), Australian Player of the Year in 1980 and also "Soccer Action" — Yugoslav Airlines best player for the past two years;

JOE PALINKAS (Brisbane City), exciting winger who previously played for Footscray J.U.S.T., Melbourne and St. George;

HARRY WILLIAMS (Canberra City), one of the all-time greats of Australian soccer, member of the 1973-74 and 1977 World Cup teams;

ROY DRINKWATER (Newcastle KB Ltd), captain of Newcastle and former New Zealand international;

JOHN PERIN (Adelaide City Juventus), another club captain and former Socceroo.

BOBBY RUSSELL (Adelaide City), brilliant defender who was on Australia's 1979 China tour and who, like Peter Katholos, is set to try his luck in Europe.

The commentary by the stars will be supplemented by the writing skills of our regular experts Laurie Schwab, Tom Anderson, Craig MacKenzie, Rale Raic, Mike Johnson, Meno Toutsidis, Peter Windsor, Joe Lanzoni, Bruce Waddell, Peter Scott, Zlka Nikolic and Billy Vojtek.

The world watches

750 million in 50 countries to tune in

From the kick-off on Saturday, not just Australia, but the world, will get an armchair view of the F.I.F.A. World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

Network 10's coverage of the championships will be beamed to as many as 50 countries bringing every minute of play to an audience of hundreds of millions.

The final alone will have an audience estimated between 500 and 700 million in at least 50 countries.

The coverage of the F.I.F.A. World Youth Championships is the biggest coverage of a sporting event yet attempted by an Australian TV network.

Network 10 will use a big team of commentators for

its telecasts of the F.I.F.A. World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

The championship, which will be played in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra and Newcastle, features some of the world's leading young soccer stars.

The first games will be played on Saturday, and 16 countries will play in the elimination series, the final of which will be at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday, October 18.

The main commentators Network 10 will use are:

• **GERRY HARRISON**, the well-known British commentator, who is an Oxford Blue in soccer and has covered international soccer for Thames TV and Anglia TV for more than ten years.

• **MIKE HILL**, the former British TV personality, who has been a commentator/interviewer on "Philips Top Soccer" for Channel 0 and Channel 10.

• **DAVID FORDHAM**, of Newcastle station, NBN3, who is recognised as one of the top soccer commentators in Australia.

• **LES MURRAY**, of Channel 0/28.

At each game the commentators will be joined by a soccer expert for additional commentary.

These special commentators include **Johnny Warren**, ex-captain of the Australian Socceroos, **Tom McCain**, soccer writer for the "Adelaide News" and **Laurie Schwab**, editor of

"Soccer Action" and soccer writer for "The Age."

The Australia-Argentina game will be recorded and telecast that night at 11:15 pm on AT10, Melbourne, SAS10, Adelaide, and TVQ9, Brisbane.

The men charged with the task of bringing the championships to the world are joint executive producers **Warren Lockhart** and **John Maras**.

John Maras, who is also director of production at TEN 10, describes the coverage of the championships as "the most comprehensive, complicated and difficult" task yet undertaken by Australian TV.

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Ajax set for clean sweep



Green Gully Ajax snared its third trophy for 1981 when it beat Sunshine City 2-0 in the Victorian Dockerty Cup final on Sunday. Ajax previously won the Ampol Cup and State League championship. If it wins the top four series, it will be the only team to have done so. Standing from left: Jim Williams, Willie Vassello, Paul Lewis, Kevin Wall (rear), Alan Bennett, Bill Morrey (rear), John Gardner, Kit Grecham (rear), Gus Macleod, Lou Denis, Mario Borg (team manager). Front: Gerry Bennett, Stuart Cannell, Bobby McLauchlan (coach), Peter Lewis, David Hogben. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

GALLOPING GAUCHOS 'GROUNDED'

By TOM ANDERSON

World youth champion Argentina arrived in Sydney last Sunday in a determined mood to retain its title.

The attitude of the galloping gauchos was what one would expect from a reigning world champion and they are a thoroughly professional outfit with a thoroughly professional outlook.

The first thing coach Roberto Saporiti did when he arrived at the team's training headquarters at the Camperdown Travelodge in downtown Sydney, was to inspect the team's training ground at St. John's College across the road from the hotel.

And Senor Saporiti was not happy with what he saw and immediately announced that another ground would have to be found for his team to prepare on.

"This ground is much too bumpy and not even enough for us to prepare properly," he said.

"It's OK for doing physical work and playing around but for technical ball work it's not good enough."

"I want a good flat ground where we can prepare properly. This is a world championship and we are the defending champions. We must be properly prepared. Surely this is not too much to ask."

And of course coach Saporiti was perfectly correct in his demands.

How often in the past has an Australian team gone overseas, been given a bad ground to prepare on and complain strongly?

OK, some people may say it's happened to us many times so what?

Well, this is top world championship football and the eyes of the world are upon Australia. These visiting teams must be provided with the best.

If we can't do this, then we should not have accepted this competition in the first place.

champion's complaints were not frowned upon by the organisers in Sydney.

This Argentine outfit is one that is "careful" to say the least.

Coach Saporiti is quick to point out that he has no players such as Maradona or Diaz in his squad and instead of brilliant individuals he has a "combination" team.

Three players from the championship winning team in Japan in 1979 are now in the senior Argentine side," Saporiti declared.

"At the moment we have younger players and rather than being individuals, they play well together as a unit."



ALL THE SQUADS

ARGENTINA
 1 - BONFIGLIOLI, Sergio A. 17/10/83
 2 - GIOVINAZZI, Sergio A. 23/02/82
 3 - GORDONI, Jose M. 27/01/82
 4 - ALUI, Edmundo 12/04/83
 5 - MARTINI, Gerardo O. 20/11/82
 6 - PAREDES, Gustavo J. 19/03/82
 7 - COMAS, Juan R. 02/10/82
 8 - BURRUCAGNA, Jorge L. 09/10/82
 9 - BORRELLA, Enrique 09/04/82
 10 - MORRELL, Claudio A. 30/04/82
 11 - MENDOZA, Carlos A. 13/01/82
 12 - GENARO, Sergio L. 12/07/82
 13 - CLAUSEN, Nestor 28/09/82
 14 - PALEMRON, Cayetano N. 27/08/81
 15 - TAPIA, Carlos D. 28/08/82
 16 - VILLETTI, Ivan 12/04/82
 17 - GARCIA, Claudio 04/05/83
 18 - CECCHI, Jorge C. 15/05/83

AUSTRALIA
 1 - AHEARN, Glyn
 2 - WHEATLEY, Robert
 3 - THOMAS, Howard
 4 - TAYLOR, Trevor
 5 - CRINO, Oliver
 6 - KAY, Paul
 7 - HUNTER, Ian
 8 - RASKOPOLSKIS, Peter
 9 - MITCHELL, David
 10 - LEE, Grant
 11 - INCANTALUPO, Fabio
 12 - SKEEN, David
 13 - WOODS, Brett
 14 - KOUSAS, Mark
 15 - PATRICKS, James
 16 - COULSON, Dennis
 17 - LITTLE, John
 18 - IVANAC, Dennis

BRAZIL
 1 - PEREIRA, Mário, Mário, Adelino
 2 - ROCHA, Luiz Antônio, Santos
 26/09/81
 3 - GALVÃO, Mário Geraldo, International 19/2/81
 4 - CURTI, Costa, Paulo Roberto, Grêmio 27/01/82

Brazilians win 11-0

The Brazilian youth team beat Bell Park in Geelong 11-0 on Saturday in a training game watched by 1000 people.

Goalscorers were: Marcelo 3, Cacau 2, Beia 2, Julio Cesar 2, and Nelson 2.

Brazil was due to play against Fawkner at Fawkner's ground last night (Tuesday).

On Saturday a second-string Brazilian team will meet the Mill Park club at the Preston Institute of Technology, Bundoora, at 10.30 am.

MENOTTI HERE FOR FINAL?

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However there are five big stars in this South American squad who are being kept under wraps.

Nestor Diaz of Independiente, Alberto Mendoza of Unin (Santa Fe), Claude Garcia and Carlos Moretti of Huracan (Cordoba) are all regular First Division performers.

So believe me with too many "experienced" youngsters in its line-up, the Argentinian team can't be all that weak. Like all good South American coaches, Saporiti is a "fox" and gives you the impression he will not let his left hand know what his right one is up to.

He is a close friend of the great Cesar Luis Menotti.

Menotti is at present in Europe then he goes back to Buenos Aires for a round robin competition involving Argentina, Czechoslovakia and another European team.

He is not welcome to Australia if the young galloping gauchos make the final.

The biggest worry that Saporiti has at the present time is the 14 hour time difference between Sydney and Argentina.

On Sunday and Monday the young gauchos were walking around like zombies — half asleep and not knowing where they were.

They had taken three days to come to Australia — via America and Indonesia.

"We're not as smart as Brazil coming by air and getting here early," Saporiti said.

"But it could have been worse. We could have arrived

here on Wednesday — two days before the series starts — and that would have been impossible."

The Argentinians are adamant that they will not take Australia lightly and will be on their guard in the opening game.

"The home team always has an advantage in world series," Saporiti said.

They will have their supporters behind them and they will have boundless enthusiasm.

"Indeed, we will be very careful of them in the first game on Saturday."

The crafty Saporiti also said that until after the first round the teams in the series would be going in "blind".

"This is not like the World Cup proper when every coach knows every team and every player in the series," he declared.

"We are all going into the series without prior knowledge and information about the teams and their players."

"Until we see them all in action and get reports about them we just do now know what's going on."

"It's a different story from the quarter finals on — then we all know what's needed and what we are facing. Then it becomes a real struggle."

In training South Americans certainly look the part and are excellent ball manipulators.

But the pressure is on and it will indeed be a difficult task for the gauchos to keep their hard-earned title.

THE POPULAR SOCCER REFEREE, JOHN STOKOVIC IS NOW WORKING FOR JETSET TOURS.

5 - SILVA, Julio Cesar, Guarani 06/03
 6 - KERCHNER, Nelson Luis, San Paolo 31/12/82
 7 - CASTRO, Claudio Rabello, Goian 20/11/82
 8 - HIGINO PEREIRA, Jairzinho, Botafogo 09/09/81
 9 - BAJA, Djelmo Jose, Matsubara 09/04/82
 10 - BURGUIGONI MARTINETTI, Ricardo, Grêmio Náutico 26/04/82
 11 - PANTALA, Amálio Jorge, Náutico 25/09/82
 12 - GOMES, Henrique 04/05/83
 13 - CECHI, Jorge C. 15/05/83

MEXICO
 1 - CHAVES, Ortiz Adrián Jun. 27/2/82
 2 - AGUIRRE, Serrano Francisco, Oct. 4/82
 3 - AGUIRRE, Federico Áaron Gerardo, Agosto 8/82
 4 - DOMÍNGUEZ, Víctor Luis Gerardo, Agosto 12/82
 5 - SERRÓN Montes Raul, Abr. 28/83
 6 - MARTÍNEZ, Ramón Angel Mayo, 1/83
 7 - MUÑOZ, Ramonito, Carlos Eduardo Sep. 8/82
 8 - CURIEL, Madero, Gonzalo Diaz 11/82
 9 - HERRERA, García Jesus Nadal Oct. 17/82
 10 - COSS, Maldonado Agustín May. 23/82
 11 - RIOS, Comacho Edmundo Ene. 23/82
 12 - ESCOBEDO, Maza Silvino Roman Ene. 28/83
 13 - GUILLÉN, Infante Gonzalo Feb. 25/83
 14 - GUILLÉN, Baumgarten José María Abr. 19/82
 15 - PEREDA, Crespo Ramon Feb. 6/82
 16 - VACA PACHECO, Jose Enrique May. 15/82
 17 - ALONSO, Alarcón Jose Antonio Sep. 11/82
 18 - CORIA, Hernández Gerardo Jesus Jul. 12/82

1 - VANDOZIK, Jozef, 13.8.1982, Ruch Chorzow.

2 - GRZANIAK, Robert, 8.9.1982, Motor Lublin.

3 - KACZMAREK, Zbigniew, 1.8.1982, Stoczniowca Gdansk.

4 - MATYSZ, Włodzimierz, 27.3.1981, Gama Zelazno.

5 - MAJER, Henryk, 28.1.1983, Odra Opole.

6 - SKRASIEWICZ, Ryszard, 27.4.1982, Ślask Wroclaw.

7 - WODOWCZYK, Dariusz, 25.9.1982, Gwardia Warsaw.

8 - URBAN, Jan, 14.05.1982, Zagłębie Sosnowiec.

9 - KOŁKIZ, Erwin, 4.2.1982, Górnik Zabrze.

10 - DZIEKANOWSKI, Dariusz, 20.3.1982, Gwardia Warsaw.

11 - RZEZNAK, Piotr, 18.5.1981, Bialystok Gdyńsk.

12 - ZAJDA, Jerzy, 10.5.1983, Zagłębie Sosnowiec.

13 - KOWALIK, Jerzy, 15.10.1981, Wile Krakow.

14 - BOGUSZEWSKI, Modest, 8.1.1983, Motor Lublin.

15 - PEKALA, Miroslaw, 15.10.1981, Ślask Wroclaw.

16 - GESZTAK, Roman, 28.12.1981, Zagłębie Sosnowiec.

17 - SWIATEK, Tadeusz, 8.11.1981, Wisła Płock.

18 - LATKA Andrzej, 31.10.1982, Stal Mielec.

19 - YANAI, Atsushi, 1.2.1982, Seoul City Hall.

20 - KIM, Seung-Moon, 2.7.1982, Seoul City Hall.

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9 - KINGSEY, Stephen

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16 - SMALL, Michael

17 - WALLACE, David

18 - WEBB, Neil

19 - RICCIETTELLI, Carlo 2/1/82, Cagliari

20 - BRUNO, Pasqualino, 19/8/82, Lecce

21 - ICARDO, Andres, 14/9/83, AC Milan

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Nothing to lose, so let's get stuck in!

Steven Blair, 19, is rated one of the best young players in Australia. A typical stopper, Steve has been with the Melbourne Gunners since 1979 and will be a key man in Australia's bid for the World Youth Championship series in Australia 3-18 October 1981.

Born in Paisley, Scotland just outside Glasgow, Steve is descended from a long line of Celtic supporters and his family never misses a match in Melbourne. He arrived in Australia aged 8 from Scotland, where he had 'mucked around' with soccer, just like every other kid in Scotland.

Steve Blair moved straight into Albion Rovers juniors and played defence for a couple of years before moving up front and then back to centre half. Steve was the star player of the National Youth Team which played in the Oceania Tournament in Fiji and also with the Australian youth team at the winter tournament in Israel early in 1981.

He has played for Australia in the National team on seven occasions and is one of five of Australia's youth

squad stars who have won coveted national team status — reflecting the growing strength of youth soccer in Australia today.

Tall (6'2") dark and blue-eyed, Steve Blair has his sights set firmly on international experience and leaves for Scotland soon after the World Youth Championships for trials with Celtic Dundee and Dundee United.

Steve lives at Sunshine in Melbourne and finds time for serious studies by correspondence or subjects like accounting, law, economics and banking. "A business career is my fall-back option," he explains with a smile.

Steve is into all types of sport: tennis, squash, table tennis, darts — but underneath it all he is a movie freak with his own video recorder at home to make sure he doesn't miss a good movie while he's out training or playing soccer.

But one key to Steve Blair's soccer success is motivation with a capital 'M'. The night before the recent Australian-Fiji match in Melbourne, Steve was deep into John Power's book 'The Coach' — a season with Ron Barrassi — whose name is a byword in sports motivation.

"Motivation is what it's all about," Steve Blair explains, "you have to want to play every match, every time — have the same desire to play and win every game."

It would be difficult to find a player, or a soccer official, more positive about Australia's chances in the World Youth Championships than Steve Blair.

"If we go out there and give everything — as a unit — we can upset the stars," he says enthusiastically.

"Australia has nothing to lose — so let's get stuck in. We don't want to be scared — let's go out and hammer them!"

"I'm surprised at the number of people who are well aware of how big the World Youth Championships are going to be — especially the kids. We've got to live up to that!"

Steve also has a few words of advice for soccer development in Australia: "I'd like to see more coaching for young players in Australia. It's hard for them to make it while there is so much of a gap between junior and senior levels. Australia has to become more and more professional in its soccer outlook".

Training? They can't get enough

Mitchell gives it all he's got

David Mitchell, 19, made his mark in the Philips League with Adelaide City and is a top striker for the National Youth Team and the National Team.

Like his team mate, Steve Blair, Mitchell hails from near Paisley out of Glasgow and upholds the Scots tradition in the Australian youth team as a fervent Rangers fan.

When he arrived in Australia aged 11, David began as a centre half with the Ingles Farm club in Adelaide was at centre half for two years, then midfield for Para Hills and to Enfield in Victoria at 15 as striker.

At 16, David was playing A grade in the State League.

But it was during an Ampol Cup summer series final that Adelaide City coach, Rale Basic, saw David play, asked him to train with the Giants and David moved into the Philips League, playing the first of nine games for the season just before his 17th birthday.

Selection in the National Youth Team followed with visits to Israel and Fiji, and his game steadily improved with international competition, leading to senior representation for Australia during 1981.

Tall (6'1") fair and blue-eyed, David Mitchell sees the keys to soccer success as fitness, motivation and the coach.

Leading up to the World Youth Championship, David concentrated on extra fitness through a special individual training programme at 7.30 am Monday to Friday with his national youth squad team mate, Ian McKie (Yes! Ian is Scot No. 3).

David Mitchell moved in with Ian McKie's family in the Adelaide suburb of Athelstone.

David's mother arranged the use of the Spastic Centre gym at Strathmore and every weekday morning the pair spent an hour and a half of individual training; headers, ball control, dribbling, shooting, volleying and the rest.

Of course this was in addition to their normal evening training routine with their clubs, or the national youth team squad.



David Mitchell — No. 1 striker

comes through his anticipation of the World Youth Championships.

Says David: "Ian and I are tops, we help each other with anything".

When the pair are not soccer training or playing, they are out on Sunday mornings cleaning hotel windows for extra income.

David's father played soccer in Scotland, his two brothers played for Adelaide clubs, and his mother and sister are strong supporters.

Motivation is a strong point with David Mitchell. Before a big match he settles down with his personal mini-tape player and would like some motivation tapes to help psyche him up for the contest.

The same determination



AUSTRALIA 1981

Wheatley wants to play in Europe

Robert Wheatley (left) 19, is the right back of Blacktown in Sydney, and an all-round sportsman who excels at tennis and cricket as well.

He is one of five top players from the National Youth Team who played for Australia in the national team. Robert has played for Australia against Dynamo-Zagreb, Taiwan, Fiji and Indonesia.

From the northern Sydney suburb of Warrawee, Robert opened his soccer career at age 7 with the Wahroonga club, representing the district in Sunday matches as well.

At 15, he moved into the 3rd grade State League and into First grade at 17. At 18 he moved to Blacktown then to selection for the 1979 national youth squad for the previous World Youth Soccer Championships.

At school, Robert completed the

Higher School Certificate at Norhamhurst High and was in the winning Tasman Cup team for schoolboys two years in a row as sweeper.

He decided to defer his Physical Education course at Kuringgal College until next year to concentrate full time on the World Youth Championships.

"Soccer takes up every day at present," he explains. "The World Youth Championships are an opportunity for world-wide coverage that is unique — a one-time event."

"It's the first and maybe the last time Australia will be in it — and I can't miss that opportunity."

"It could be the turning point for us to prove where soccer is going in Australia. It's our opportunity to show the world we can organise a large international tournament and regain some status in the soccer world."

"Personally, I'm confident. Being both the underdog and the host nation is an advantage. There is a lot of personal pride involved and I believe the boys will rally and give it to them 100 per cent."

Representative soccer has given Robert Wheatley overseas experience and his hope is to develop his ability to the stage where he can play for a European club, which he believes would be more interesting although perhaps not as hard-edged as English club competition.

From his experience as a youth champion in Australia, Robert believes one of our problems in soccer development is the prosperity and diversity of Australian life.

"Australia is a country of distractions for young people — in other sports, or just in relaxing and

Australians confident

A strong feeling of confidence pervades the Australian squad as it prepared for its opening match against world champion Argentina at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday.

To a man, the players believe they have an excellent chance of causing an upset. Fabio Incantalo says: "We are the most underrated side in these championships, even though we're the home

team."

"Don't be surprised if we reach the quarter-finals!" On these two pages we present the men who will carry Australia's hopes in these championships:



DENNIS COLUSSO (midfielder or forward), joined Marconi at 13 from Smithfield Hotspur and made his senior PSL debut this year. Brother of former Socceroo and Marconi star Rene Colusso, now playing in Italy.



DENNIS IVANAC (goalkeeper), regular member of the youth squad since last year when he played for Dalmatinians in Perth. He is now with the Australian Institute of Sport team in Canberra.



JIM PATIKAS (midfielder), young Sydney City player who, like Incantalo, is eligible for the 1983 titles. Started with Leichhardt at under 8, then APIA, Western Suburbs and now Sydney City.



HOWARD TREDINICK (full back), has been one of the most consistent players of Newcastle KB United since being promoted to the senior team this year in the absence of injured Col Curran. He is the brother of former youth team player Peter Tredinick, now with Wollongong.



JOHN LITTLE (midfielder), former Altona City junior who switched to PSL club Preston Makedonia early this year. Was top scorer on the youth team's tour of New Caledonia in July.



MARK KOUSSAS (Striker), Sydney Olympic's top scorer with 11 goals this year. Played junior soccer with Ryde RSL, Gladysville Hornsby and Western Suburbs where, during his best goalscoring season, he notched 38 in league and Cup goals. He then joined Olympic, graduating to the senior team through third and second grades.



GRANT LEE (midfielder), scored two of the youth team's six goals against Hong Kong side Caroline Hill in Hong Kong recently. Has come on strongly with the team, and has had a few runs with Sydney City's senior team recently. Started with Lane Cove, then Kurinjungle where he made his senior debut. Joined the Slackers last year.



FABIO INCANTALUPO (forward or midfielder), had the distinction of saving his club, Juventus, relegated from the State League this year, but gained consolation from being included in the youth squad member, at 17 years, he is eligible for the 1983 championships at well. Represented Victoria at under 16, 18, 19 and schoolboy levels.

DAVE SKEEN (defender), played a starring role in St. George's recent 1-0 grand final win against Croatia. Started with Berkley Juniors, then Wollongong City before joining the Saints.

"No matter where I live, I'll always be a Queenslander," says National Youth soccer team goalie, Glen Ahearn, 18, who now plays with Sydney Slackers and lives 'about 10 yards' from Bondi Beach, Sydney.

After starting his soccer career aged four at Fairfield in Sydney, always as goalkeeper, Glen (left) moved to the Gold Coast which he regards as really home.

He played junior soccer there and joined the Musgrave Hill club, moving up to State League for two seasons before 1980, then moved into the Philips League with the Brisbane Lions and for 1981 came south for the Sydney Slackers.

Glen joined the National youth squad in May 1980 and toured Fiji, Israel and Noumea and has been selected in the senior National squad as well.

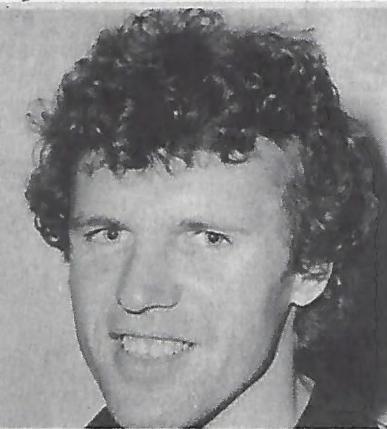
At present he is concentrating full time on soccer in preparation for the World Youth Championships and

gave up his job as a boatbuilder on the Gold Coast to come south for the Sydney Club.

"I learned most of my soccer on the Gold Coast, but international competition has taught me a lot about different styles of play," Glen explains. "I don't really model myself on anyone, although I have always liked Pat Jennings of Arsenal."

Australia will perform as a credit to itself in the World Youth Championships. That's the feeling that runs from coach Les Scheimflug all the way down."

"In another 10 years time, we are going to see the public right behind soccer, just like the VFL or Rugby League," he forecasts.



PAUL KAY (midfielder), another seasoned NSW junior rep. Started with Depto Juniors, made senior debut with St George and switched to Wollongong this year.



OSCAR CRINO (sweeper), one of the most skilful players in the squad, and builds up attacks from the back. Born in Argentina, he played in San Lorenzo, joined Footscray's J.U.S.T. team in Australia, and made senior debut with Juventus. Joined the Australian Institute of Sport this year.

Wary of goalies

Blue-eyed, curly-haired Ian Hunter (above), captain of the Australian Youth team, is very wary of goalies.

Hunter is a striker and broke his leg when he collided with the New Zealand goalkeeper in the final of a Pacific tournament late last year. The injury put him out of action until May this year.

He will lead Australia again against top soccer nation Argentina in the first round of the FIFA World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday.

Hunter says, "Beating Argentina is our biggest challenge. Argentina tends to worry me more than England which plays more our style of game."

"If we can get past the first round, we will all have a party," he says.

Hunter is not kidding. Australia has drawn two of the toughest possible opponents in Argentina and England as well as Cameroon in the first round.

Hunter played with Marconi in the Philips League this year, having transferred from Blacktown City. He started playing soccer at the age of five and a half for a Blue Mountains Club.

He went on to play for clubs in Penrith and his school team, Nepean High. His soccer career included representing his state and Australia in numerous under-age teams.

He has been with the Australian Youth Team since its inception, playing in South Africa, Canada, The United States as well as New Zealand, where he broke his leg.

Apart from soccer, Hunter is a keen surfer. When his soccer commitments allow he would like to complete a club management course which he has nearly completed at the Ryde Hotel/Motel Management School in Sydney.

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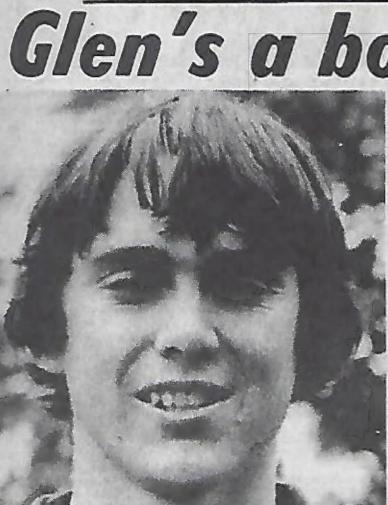
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Glen's a boat builder

Baskovic, Courtney, Coelho among tournament referees



Some of the world's top referees will be in charge of matches in the world youth championships.

They include Brazil's Coelho Arnaldo David Cesar who officiated at the senior World Cup in Argentina in 1978, George Courtney who refereed Australia's recent World Cup game against New Zealand in Sydney, and Gianfranco Menegali (Italy),

Tesfaye Gebreyesus (Ethiopia) and Ithurralde Arturo Andres (Argentina) who have served at previous world youth championships.

The first youth final, in Tunis in 1977, was refereed by Michel Vautrot (France). The score was 2-2 after extra time and USSR finally beat Mexico on penalties 9-8.

Brazil's Ramez Wright Jose Roberto refereed the second final, in Japan in 1979. Argentina won that game 3-1 against the USSR.

One of the referees for the Australian series is worth mentioning for his sheer endurance. Stanislas Kamdem is from Cameroon and he has two wives and nine children!

This list of referees for the titles contain the following information, in order: country of birth; place and year of their initial referees' exam, year in which they first refereed top division in their country; date of admission to FIFA ranks, languages spoken and employment:

TONY BOSKOVIC / Australia: Croatia 1934 - 1954 - 1958 - 1963 - Music - English, Italian, German, Croatian, Russian, and other Slovan Languages - Self employed - Sports Store.



GEORGE COURTY / England: Page Bank 1941 - 1962 - 1974 - 1977 - Football - French - Schoolmaster.



ALOJZY JARGUZ / Poland: Rzeszow 1934 - 1958, 1965, 1975 - Football, Motoring, tv, Light Opera - German - Director of Restaurant.



GIANFRANCO MENEGALI / Italy: Roma 1933 - 1958, 1968, 1970 - Football - French and English - Lawyer.



IGNAT IOAN / Romania: Oradea 1940 - 1973, 1976, 1979 - Football and Light Opera - French - Professor of Chemistry.



JAN REDELEFS / German Federal Republic: Wilhelmshafen 1935 - 1952, 1968, 1975 - Swimming - French and English - Land-Officer in Niedersachsen.

ANTONIO R. MARQUEZ / Mexico: Mexico 1934 - 1958, 1965, 1979 - Spanish - Engaged in Business.



STANISLAS KAMDEM / Cameroon: Battam Mif 1941 - 1957, 1960, 1962 - Education of Children of Children - French - Engaged in Business in Douala.

SAIED MUBARAK WALEED / Qatar: Doha 1947 - 1981, 1968, 1977 - Football - English - Ministry of Electricity and Water official.



LEE WONG-BONG / Korea: Rep. / - Chung-chong book Do 1935 - 1962, 1971, 1975 - Music - English - Lecturer at Dong-Kuk University.



TOROS KIBRITJIAN / U.S.A.: Aleppo, Syria 1934 - 1957, 1961, 1969 - Backgammon - Spanish, French, Arabic, Turkish - Manufacturer of Ladies' Sportswear and Dresses.



JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ BAZZAN / Uruguay: Montevideo 1942 - 1968, 1971, 1974 - Reading/Certified Engineer - English - Chicken-farmer.



ARNALDO DAVID CEZAR COELHO / Brazil: Rio de Janeiro 1943 - 1964, 1967, 1968 - English and Spanish - Tennis - Teaches gymnastics.



JORGE EDUARDO ROMERO / Argentina: Buenos Aires 1939 - 1962, 1972, 1976 - Hunting and Fishing - only his native language - Engaged in Business, Shoemaker's trade.



USSEIN FAHMY BAHIG / Egypt: Cairo 1934 - 1969, 1984, 1975 - Tennis and Chess - English - Civil Servant.



GASTON CASTRO MAKUC / Chile: Santiago de Chile 1948 - 1968, 1975, 1977 - Football - English and French - Metallurgical Engineer, Director of Prod. of the Firm Manufactura de Metales Longo Ltda.



TESFAYE GEBREYESUS / Ethiopia: Dassie 1943 - 1964, 1966, 1967 - Football, Highjump, Boxing - English, Arabic and Italian - Head of Expediting in the Operations Division of the Ethiopian Transport Construction Authority.

ROMULO MENDEZ MOLINA / Guatemala: Coban, Alta Verapaz 1938 - 1970, 1972 - Running - English - Professor of Physical Education.

A treat for photographers

By 'Soccer Action' photographer LES SHORROCK

The cream of the world's sports photographers are in for a treat when they arrive in Melbourne for the World Youth Championship.

Olympic Park's lights, which have lagged behind the S.C.G.'s and V.F.L. Park's in candlepower for so long, will rank as Australia's best as a result of a \$100,000 facelift.

The present units are being cleaned and realigned to shine directly on to the soccer ground and an additional 24 units are being added, to bring the total to 96, with a massive total candlepower of 1200 lux,

which will be more than adequate for the world-wide T.V. coverage and will ensure good colour photography.

Our readers will be able to obtain good, sharp pictures without having to be closer than the fence by following a few simple rules.

Using a 300mm or 200mm telephoto lens, take up a position on the fence opposite the grandstand and focus on the area between the penalty spot and the centre of the goal-line.

For black and white pictures, use Kodak Tri-X, and increase the A.S.A. rating setting on your camera to 1600.

Set your shutter speed at 1/500th, and if your camera has a meter in-built you should set an aperture reading of about f5.6

or f8. If not decrease your speed to 1/250th, which should ensure an aperture of f8, the ideal combination. If your camera is an automatic, so much the better, set it at 1/250th and let the camera do the work.

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Don't waste your time using a flash, it won't even reach the playing surface from the outer.

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NEW ZEALAND SET FOR 1983

Having failed to reach the 1981 Coca-Cola world Youth Championship New Zealand is preparing for the 1983 tournament.

Showing uncharacteristic initiative, the New Zealand FA has succeeded in harnessing the euphoria surrounding its world cup success to secure some notable sponsorship deals, including \$60,000 from the Bank of New Zealand to implement a national youth programme.

The sponsorship is aimed principally at as-

sisting the youth squad's build-up for the Oceania qualifying group to be contested at Port Moresby in December 1982; when New Zealand will encounter Australia, Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

A series of regional tournaments is being planned over the next 14 months, culminating in a play-off between the North, Central and South regions, after which the final national squad will be named.

New Zealand won the last Oceania qualifying tournament, although its triumph was marred by the broken leg sustained by Australian captain Ian Hunter in the final. — PAUL MOON

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HOW VAVA ROSE FROM THE DEAD

If you mention the name Edvaldo Isidro Neto few would recognise it, but if you say Vava thousands of soccer fans around the world will know it as the nickname of Brazil's highly-spirited centre-forward in the 1958 and 1962 World Cups.

"To be frank with you, if someone ever calls me by my real name, I probably won't even answer back. Not because I'm a snob. It's just that, at times, I

even forget that my real name is Edvaldo. Actually, even my wife and children call me Vava", says Vava, now the head-coach of Brazil's youth team, and assistant-coach to Tele Santana, in the main all-star squad.

When Vava quit his professional career a few years ago, after successful seasons in some of Brazil's most important clubs - Rio's Vasco Da Gama, Palmeiras of Sao Paulo - and in Spain (Atletico Madrid), Melico (America) and the United States (San Diego Toros), Vava began a coaching career.

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goalkeeper for the U.S. team, has been the base of a defence that has been amazingly strong. In qualifying for the world championship the U.S. won three of its preliminary games by "shootouts".

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Part of the U.S. hopes will depend on Uruguay, America's first opponent in Brisbane's preliminary round matches. Scarpelli knows the U.S. faces a tough task in beating the South American champion.

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They want to do it for Walt

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TV inspired him

Television might mean the difference in Mexico's fortunes in the World Youth Championship.

It was television that brought Adrian Chavez, a 6-foot, one-inch goalkeeper for the Mexican team, into the game.

As a youngster, Chavez watched Mexican soccer stars on television and decided at that point to pursue a football career, to be like those stars on television.

He began playing at the age of five and has progressed to the point that he now represents his country in an international soccer event.

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Spain the aim for skipper Mauro Galvao

When coach Enio Andrade of Porto Alegre's International club decided that he could lose the finals of the 1979 Brazilian championship unless he changed his centre-half, he decided to take the chance.

So he called on then 17-year-old Mauro Galvao, and asked if he felt ready to take part in the finals.

"Why not?" asked Galvao, now the 19-year-old captain of Brazil's team in the FIFA World Youth Championship.

"There is nothing to it once you know how to play."

His calm approach was brought on by his background.

Galvao was a poor boy and I always thought the best way of change that picture was by succeeding in my football career," he said.

"Therefore, if I want to get rich some day, I can't afford to get nervous, ever. Getting nervous means you're not ready and I'm always ready."

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Andrade was impressed with the answer.

"It really wasn't his answer that impressed me," said Andrade.

"It was the way he delivered it. He spoke clearly. I was talking about playing in an important 'toy' game."

Mauro Galvao went on to help International win its third Brazilian championship in five years that season and earned "Rookie of the Year" praise, although he only played four games.

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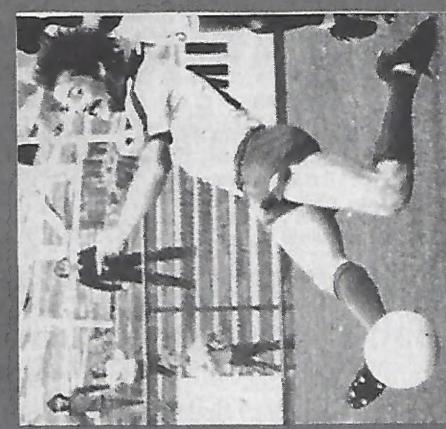
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| Frank MUSSEL (Sunshine) | Claude LUCHESE (Makedonia) |
| Jimmy DUNNE (Ajax) | Keith ADAMS (Croatia) |
| Tony CURCIO (Juventus) | Jeff FAULKNER (Makedonia) |
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10 Lou Ivanoff (D'ton)
8 Les Fearn (R'wood)

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20 Bill Wilkinson (G. Cross)
19 Rob Stewart (F'ton)

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16 Don PASMAN (Ringwood)
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9 Alex Netaon (N'cote)

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6 Keith Adams (Croatia)



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Shiners, West set to unite

A powerful new soccer club is to emerge next year through the amalgamation of Sunshine City and Western Suburbs.

Sunshine's members will vote on the merger at a meeting on October 7.

"From members' reactions, I'm fairly certain it will go ahead," Sunshine president Tommy Reid said.

Western Suburbs have met already, and their members are 90 per cent in favour.

Sunshine, which has been in the State

League since 1975, missed out on its greatest honour on Sunday when it lost to Ajax in the final of the Dockey Cup.

Wests, formed through amalgamation between West Sunshine and ICI Deer Park in 1969, had its only State League season last year but was relegated.

Wests finished third in First Division this year, narrowly missing out on promotion.

"Both clubs have lost supporters and members over recent years, so we want to consolidate our remaining strength and build on that," Mr Reid said.

Wests offer Sunshine their Greek support and Sunshine offers a good ground and social club at Chaplin Reserve in Arden Road.

Wests' Ralph Street ground, ringed by houses, is unsuitable for development.

Amalgamation would pool all senior, reserve and junior players of both clubs, resulting in a much stronger senior team and a new youth side.

Increased support would boost income, especially through the social club.

Wests' top players are player-coach Billy Vojtek, Mike Glykakalamos and Mark Karapatas, both formerly of Heidelberg-Alexander, Andy Segi, formerly of Ajax, and Daxi Kypriditis.

Sunshine discussed possible amalgamation with neighbouring club Albion Rovers for two years, but the talks broke down last season.



John Gardiner

Evans, Gardiner for top awards?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

John Gardiner is a red hot favorite to win the 1981 Bill Fleming Medal for the Victorian State League player of the year.

The Victorian press awards, incorporating the Bill Fleming Medal, will be made at Melbourne's City and Overseas club this Friday night, October 9.

South Melbourne Hellas looks likely to scoop the PSL section of the awards.

Radio station 3EA's Victorian PSL Player of the Year award will be made to Peter Heidelberg captain Alun Evans, widely regarded as one of the most professional players in the league.

Evans has led the Hellas front line with distinction this year, finishing the season with 14 goals, two behind PSL top scorer Gary Cole of Heidelberg. And in "Soccer Action's" Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award Evans polled 60 votes, 19 more than nearest team mate Branko Bilecic.

John Yzendoorn of Heidelberg looks as Evans's strongest challenger. He finished with 72 votes in the Yugoslav Airlines award, making him the highest Victorian vote-getter.

But Yzendoorn's claim to fame rests upon his recognition as the best sweeper in the Socceroo squad. Before he was suspended of course. Nevertheless the controversy surrounding his suspension failed to dampen his enthusiasm to do with the judging of this award. On merit alone Yzendoorn lays a strong claim to the title of Victoria's player of the year.

Yzendoorn's team mate Gary Cole topped the PSL top scorer's list for the second consecutive season and must come into calculations.

Helias star Alan Davidson is the clear-cut winner. Second player of 1981, Wayne Whittle, Cox, once crumpled around him, Davidson continued to give a series of inspiring performances for his country.

Dennis Boland of Footscray J.U.S.T. 2 (Kojic, Lujic) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (Brown, Boyle), Challenge match at Schineller Reserve.

MATCH RATING: 8. Reference: Henderson 8.

J.U.S.T. Boland 8, Hazabent 6, Katsaros 6, H.T. 4, Katsarous 7, Mine 7, Kondzior 5, Jancic 6, Kolic 7, Ilaszki 7, Cazzella 6 (Vorwell H.T. 6), Popovic 8, Lujic 6.

MAKEDONIA: Cigran 6, Balog 7, Bocic 6, Pericic 7, Flavolin 7, Boyle 9, Whittle 8, Brown 9, Mandic 6 (B. Coyle 70th.), Farrell 7, Culter 6.

Preston Makedonia ran out a 3-2 winner to clinch the best of two challenge match series.

The first game at Connor Reserve the previous week, ended in a 2-2 draw.

Then Steve Ellis played a terrible ball to the feet of the unexpected Dixey who couldn't control. The ball bounced free behind him and Paul Lewis was off once more. Lewis strode confidently toward the advancing Contini but instead of sealing the game he chipped too high.

The sealer wasn't far away though. It came in the 81st minute when Kit Greechan took a short corner to Jim Williams. He crossed high into the Shiners' area and Contini punched to the feet of Vassallo. Two metres from goal. As Contini struggled to recover Vassallo cleared the ball over his head. Peter Lewis was standing about two metres off the Shiners' goal line and beamed powerfully to head in.

And that was that! Ajax should have extended its lead when Macleod beat Contini to Ellis's pass back and tapped it into goal. Strangely referee Fearn ruled that Macleod's foot was raised too high, endangering Contini. The final was good but it didn't really matter for Ajax had added the Dockey Cup to its State League championship.

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Front: M. Milios, G. Baharakis, J. Felekidis, B. Hatzistavrou, H. Haltidis, L. Maniatis.

Players are not in picture: M. Arabopoulos, G. Ligidakis, A. Kestas, M. Bakopoulos.

Swinscoe keen to go, Croatia is interested



By WALTER PLESS

Kevin Swinscoe, 22, the Brighton-ICL striker, arrived in Hobart in April this year. It is his second spell in Australia, having previously played for Frankston in Melbourne. He again proved his worth with 10 goals in the Tasmanian State League and four or five in the various cup competition.

Swinscoe was destined for a top-flight professional career when he signed as an apprentice with Nottingham Forest at 16 years of age.

He signed professional forms when he was 18 but it was at that time that he suffered a severe knee injury. He damaged the cruciate ligaments and required surgery.

The doctor advised him not to play again, but he did. The knee felt all right and Swinscoe stayed with Forest for another season.

In 1978, Swinscoe came to Australia to join Frankston City, then coached by Fred Bunce. On his return to England at the end of the season, he played with Grantham Town in the Northern Premier League for a year. He then ran into another former Frankston star, John Taylor, Brighton-ICL's newly appointed coach, who was on a visit to the UK. This led to him coming to Tasmania to strengthen Taylor's championship aspirants.

Swinscoe remains somewhat unsettled in Tasmania, despite Brighton's State League championship win. "Some

people expect too much. The imports here like to play simple, effective football, but the crowds expect to see magic every week."

Swinscoe's scoring record has been good, although he did miss two 'sitters' in the Tasmanian versus 'Rest of the World' game. He still has nightmares about that.

His dissatisfaction became public knowledge and it wasn't long before Essendon-Croatia made approaches. He was under contract to Brighton, however, and the club wouldn't let him go.

He is currently employed as an electrical assistant by Brighton's vice-chairman, Jock Crosbie. Swinscoe would still like to get away but is prepared to stay if the conditions are right.

He attributes Brighton's championship success to the fact that Brighton has the best players. "We've got the most skilful players in the League. And John Taylor's done the job. He's done what he was brought here to do. I've enjoyed his training sessions. Jock Crosbie also has done a tremendous amount for



Kevin Swinscoe (Brighton-ICL) in action against South Hobart. (photo by Peter Van Herop).

the club. Launceston Juventus is not as skilful as us but it showed more determination. It relied too much on Sawdon and Wormley however!

Concerning the State League, Swinscoe would like to see it stay. He hates the travelling involved but is prepared to do it. It's a change to play on other grounds. If a southern league were formed to replace the State League, he thinks he would become fed up with playing on Hobart's two pitches all the time.

More promotion of the game should be undertaken in the schools, Swinscoe believed.

He would like to see more players going into the schools to teach the game to the kids. The best players in the State need to make themselves more visible to the youngsters on whom the game's future depends. Swinscoe has taken part in soccer promotions in a Hobart shopping centre and he was impressed with the success of such ventures.

Kevin Swinscoe has soccer skill in abundance. Who can forget his performance against Rapid-Wrest Point when he went on a mazy run and retained possession for what seemed an eternity, 'nutmegging' Micky Southworth twice in the process?

Tasmania can't afford to lose a player of Kevin Swinscoe's calibre. It is to be hoped that conditions will become 'right' and that Kevin will decide to stay. A Tasmanian PSL team could certainly use him!

George Town ends Croatia's run

By WALTER PLESS

was the unlikely setting (both finalists coming from the north of the State) for this unlikely contest.

Both sides had shown killing qualities. George Town, fifth in the Tasmanian State League, had eliminated State League champions Brighton-ICL 3-0 in one semi-final, while Croatia had, against all the odds, disposed of State League runners-up Launceston Juniors 2-1 in the other.

Croatia showed a distinct lack of class, coming into the game only for two brief periods, one midway through the first half, the other toward the end of the game. The rest of the time, George Town deserved a

and authority. Brian Davidson and Scheibl made Croatia's defence look quite pedestrian at times but the team as a whole had had better days.

Scheibl opened the scoring, in the 22nd minute following a corner from the right by Coogan. The ball was headed into the goalmouth, confusion reigned, the ball came back off the underside of the crossbar, and Scheibl poked it home. Sloppy, but it broke the ice!

Ten minutes later it was that man, Scheibl again. Cutting in along the goal-line from the right, evading tackles on the way, he rolled the ball across the face of goal where Wharlich was lurking. The all striker had the easiest of tasks slotting the ball home.

Eight minutes into the second half, Scheibl fired a bullet from 20 metres that

Grainger only saw as the ball was coming back out of the net. The fairytale was definitely over. Brian

Davidson got in on the act on the hour when he showed an electric burst of speed to round the defence on the right before shooting from the edge of the area. Grainger only could parity and it was left to Scheibl to round off the goal.

Everyone was now wondering just how many more goals were to come.

Croatia showed that they still had some bite, however, when Bessell played a diagonal ball to substitute Turner on the right corner of the penalty area. Turner stuck a vicious cross shot that surprised Jones and lodged in the far top corner of the net

With only 16 minutes remaining, it was too little too late.

Croatia relied on the long ball throughout but these were mostly wasted as there was no-one there to chase them. George Town tried to build up momentum by interspersing short passes with long ones for Davidson and Scheibl to chase. Their efforts were often frustrated, however, by poor ball control and many chances went begging because players were taking two or three touches to control passes or to set up shots.

George Town deserved their win but they allowed themselves to be dragged down to the level of their opponents on many occasions. Against classier opposition they may not have got to taste champagne from the trophy at the end of the day.

The case for a bigger State League

By John van Hoboken, president, Ringwood-Wyndham

I refer to the Victorian State League meeting when it was decided that clubs should put forward their ideas on how a State League of 16 clubs should be implemented.

I would like to explain once more why I suggested and why I am strongly in favour of increasing the State League to 16 clubs. My principal reasons are:

1. To once and for all give soccer clubs and players a season which at least is more in line with the length of the soccer season in other countries.

As long as we expect to be able to increase the standard of soccer in Australia in a six-month season, which therefore also applies to juniors, we really must expect players in Australia to be supermen.

To expect our supporters to be happy and expect to increase their number for only six months in the season and ask them for the other six months of the year to find something else to do is, to express myself quietly, short-sighted.

2. To give every Club in State League the same length of season so that every club and its players and supporters have an equal and fair deal and the same chance to build up their team, their playing force and their support.

3. To achieve both (1) and (2) above we need to play the Ampol Cup and the Dockerty Cup during the same season which should start the first weekend in March and finish the last weekend in October or the first weekend in November. This gives us 36 weekends which, if preferred, can be reduced to 35 or 34.

It gives us four, five or six spare weekends.

I would like to see a complete break of two weekends between the first and second round, which would be the third and fourth weekend in June.

European countries have introduced four four-week breaks in the winter, not only because of the weather, but also to give officials and players a break to put their house in order and players to recover from injuries.

This break is appreciated by supporters who can catch up with a few jobs around the house and attend to family matters.

The experience is that after the break the gate attendances are greater than before the break.

This is also the time to try to contract and transfer players.

As I have suggested before, the Ampol cup games and Dockerty Cup games (starting with the first round) should be played on Wednesday nights.

I personally am prepared to help them to acquire the necessary players to do so.

Country Clubs would easily find sponsors if it means playing in the State League and many have excellent facilities.

Before being accepted for 1983 the clubs would have to show, by playing test games against State League teams, that they have reached a proper standard.

Before we invite the country clubs, for instance, not later than 30 November, 1981, I suggest that to avoid any misunderstanding, although it may be a foregone conclusion, we invite the four Victorian National League clubs to disassociate themselves from the National League and rejoin the State League with their first teams.

We have much to offer with a State League set-up as suggested above.

They also have a lot to offer us.

If New South Wales forms a real State League with Canberra, Newcastle and Wollongong included, the Sydney clubs would gain and so could soccer throughout Australia.

Let us in the Victorian League give the example and show the other states that we want progress.

For once I ask clubs that usually look after their own interests, or believe they look after their own interests, to have a better and more progressive outlook.

Canon CLUB CLOSE-UP

St. George Budapest



ST. GEORGE, from left, top row: Dennis Duarte, Howard Hadley, Peter Terry, Billy Griffiths, John Russell, Jim Tunerak. Middle row: Villy Karacki, Daz Marton, Mark Barton, Peter Stone, Barry Walker, Miguel Cabrera. Front: Paul Key, Steve McDonald, Mike Fraser, Don Smith, Ernie Campbell, Peter Bringe, John Davies. Bringe, John Davies, Cabrera and Key have since left the club.

NOTE: McDonald, Cabrera and Key have since left the club.

• St. George Budapest won the NSWA grand final with its first victory over arch-rival Croatia this year. Croatia previously had beaten Saints in the league. St. George, one of the traditional giants of Australian soccer, was relegated from the national league at the end of 1980, but under coach Frank Arok has made a strong comeback and hopes to be re-accepted to the national competition for 1982. Daz Marton, ex-Sydney, Spartacus, Saver and Novi Sad in Yugoslavia, proved to be the best goal-poacher the club has had. He finished as league top scorer and also won the NSW Rothmans Medal.



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